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SUBJECT: PARACEL INCIDENT RAISES JAPANESE CONCERN OVER SENKAKUS

OKINAWAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT CHINA'S RECENT ACTION AGAINST SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES IN THE PARACELS MAY HAVE BEEN DESIGNED PARTLY TO WARN THE JAPANESE TO KEEP HANDS OFF THE DISPUTED SENKAKU ISLANDS. THIS EXPRESSED CONCERN CONTRASTS WITH NORMAL JAPANESE DISINTEREST IN THE SENKAKUS EXCEPT AS A POSSIBLE LOCATION OF NEW OIL DEPOSITS. A JAPANESE OIL FIRM IS EXPLORING THE AREA AROUND THE MIYAKO ISLANDS IN THE RYUKYUS CHAIN SOUTHEAST OF THE SENKAKUS. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS A LOW PROFILE REGARDING THE SENKAKUS, AND ITS CIVIL MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY CONDUCTS SEA PATROLLING OF

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